6. Group Insurance Scheme.

7. New Insurance Scheme for handloom weavers.

These schemes provide assistance for all the activities and processes involved in the production and marketing of handloom cloth, as well as make provision for the welfare of weavers.

BIFR hearing on NJMC

1190. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the BIFR hearing on 27th June 2001 regarding NJMC Government informed that all the six mills are viable;

(b) whether Government further informed BIFR that they desire others *viz.* workers' cooperatives, State Government or private companies to run these mills;

(c) if so, the reason why Government of India as a promoter is not willing to run these mills as per the Government's own policy to revive the viable units in Textile Sector; and

(d) If not, the actual position of Government *vis-a-vis* revival of NJMC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (d) In accordance with the directions of BIFR, IJIRA was asked to do a Tcchno-Economic Viability Study to explore the options of revival of NJMC mills and/or the company as a whole either through privatization or under the ownership/management of Govt, of India. The IJIRA report indicated that only three mills are viable, that too in the private sector. However, with a view to protect employment and to safeguard interests of the workers, it was submitted before BIFR that all the six units may be offered, in order of preference to workers' cooperatives first, failing which to state Governments, public sector/private sector for running these mills. It is envisaged that the

mills will be handed over with the condition that they will continue to run these mills at least for 10 years and protect the interests of permanent workers. BIFR has not passed final orders in this regard.

Slow down in production of Textiles

1191. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the overall trend in the Textiles Industry during the year 2000-2001 reflects a slow down in production;

(b) if so, month-wise production trend during 2000-2001;

(c) the factors responsible for slow down in production; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to correct the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. Textiles production showed a positive trend during 2000-2001 as shown below:—

Items		Unit	1999-2000	2000-2001 (P)	% Change
1	Total Yarn Production@	Million Kg.	3940	4079	3.53
2	Total Fabric Production#	Million Sq. Mtr.	39202	40833	2.89

@ includes cotton yarn, other spun yarn and man-made filament yarn.
# includes cotton, blended, 100% non-cotton (including khadi, wool & silk).

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Decline in textile exports

1192. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the textile exports have been gradually declining since the begiening of 2001;

(b) if so, the percentage of decline in the exports of textiles till date and in terms of value;